

- We started constructing learning centres using “hard copy”
- These were developed using the six thinking hats, multiple intelligences and blooms taxonomy.
- Hyperlinked WORD documents for easy computer access

Purposes and benefits of using learning centres in your classroom

- A learning centre reinforces, enriches and extends concepts taught as part of the daily programme.
- Children's learning needs and strengths can be catered for
- Developing independent working skills, and self management skills
- Creating an atmosphere of collaboration
- Children need to develop a range of skills that will help them to become independent learners. In particular self-evaluation, peer- evaluation, recording and reporting skills, and choice making.

The Move to Digital Learning Centres



- Can save space
- Can be quickly modified
- Have many pathways – like turning pages in a book
- “hard copy” can be in a clearfile for reference
- ICT skills are being reinforced and used within a purposeful context

Tracking Systems

To be successful all learning centres need a management system in place for:

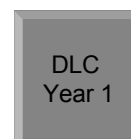
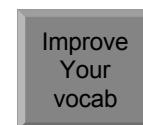
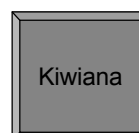
- checking the children are completing tasks
- Finding which tasks are the most/least popular
- Checking all learning styles are being catered for
- Giving children the opportunity to develop self-management skills.

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- b) As a portal to new learning in the classroom programme
- c) As a portal to new learning with guided learning experiences.



Our Examples

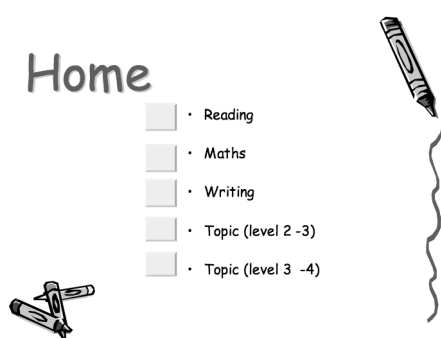


How to make a digital learning centre

Step 1: Purpose and Design





- What is your purpose? What is the learning context? What thinking tools will you use?
- Plan on paper a storyboard/ design for your learning centre
- Create a folder for your DLC (name it) and include a subfolder within this for “supporting files”
- Open a powerpoint presentation and save into the named DLC folder

Step 2: The Home Page



- You should always start with a home page... this will be the child's first port of call.
- It's purpose is to guide the child through the “pages”

Programme 2:

Learn to read the basic words each week or practise reading the basic words and poems by pressing . You can listen to a poem by pressing  and return to the word page by pressing  to get back to this page press .

Week 1

We big up

Week 2

Can go have

Week 3

Come said

Week 5

Had got saw

Week 4

Was did see

Week 6

For her into

Week 7

Are no get

Week 9

Little this

Week 10

There put

Week 8

With down

Read the basic words...

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Home Page



Problem Solving



Maths

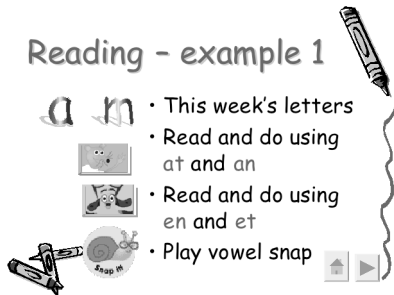


Grammar



Step 3: Creating Pages

Reading - example 1



- Design the page with activities you would like the children to do
- Decide on whether you are going to use an action button or a picture to hyperlink to the activity
- Save all document pages into your supporting files folder

Maths



The Digit Work Out



**Batter's Up
Baseball**



**Multiplying or
Dividing by 10
or 100**



Step 4: Hyperlinking Action Buttons

- Go to the slide show tab
- Go to the action button menu
- Select the button style and position the button on the page
- Automatically a command bar comes up and select the hyperlink box
- Scroll down the right hand menu to select where the button will hyperlink to... you can hyperlink to a website, programme or document. Documents must be in your supporting files folder.
- You can add sound and video clip footage also in a hyperlink. These files will have to be in your supporting files folder.

SAVE IT!

- Save the presentation as a

PowerPoint Show

- This is most important - so that the DLC will open automatically and you know that the children will not change any information.
- Check links every few months to ensure linked sites haven't moved.

Review

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Digital Learning Centres are
fun...



The possibilities are endless... enjoy
creating your new learning centre...